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In re Patent Application of:  
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ASSAYS (AS AMENDED)

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 21 March 2008, time for response to which was set to expire 21 June 2008.

Applicant appreciates the thoughtful consideration given his undersigned representative at an interview on April 15th. It is believed agreement was reached as to the distinction between the claims as proposed to be amended and the cited document, Maggio. Applicant requests reconsideration in light of the following amendment and comments.

Enclosure:

1. Chapter 8 of Lakowicz, J., *Principles of Fluorescence Spectroscopy*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (1999) Springer; (also submitted with 15 October 2007 response.)